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TO AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, PA

SUBJECT: CIVAIR - AVIATION SECURITY

REF : (A) STATE 65555; (B) STATE 65557

1. IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH DEPT/FAA, U.S. AIRLINES SECURITY REPS EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT ASUNCION AIRPORT. IT WAS ALSO OBSERVED THAT DETENTION OF PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS IN PARAGUAY MAKES THIS A PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE POINT. PROBLEMS EXIST IN ALL EIGHT AREAS REFERRED TO IN REFTEL B.

2. DEP APPRECIATES AMBASSADOR'S RECENT TALKS WITH PRESIDENT STROESSNER OF THIS PROBLEM. WE WOULD HOPE EMBASSY WOULD FOLLOW-UP USING WHATEVER ELEMENT OR ELEMENTS OF COUNTRY TEAM BEST SUITED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IN EMBASSY DISCRETION, IT MAY INDICATE U.S. CONCERN FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY THROUGH WHATEVER CHANNEL DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

FYI: ASUNCION AIRPORT WAS DESCRIBED BY AIRLINE SECURITY REPS AS ONE OF THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT WEAK POINTS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECURITY IN LATIN AMERICA, THE OTHERS BEING BUENOS AIRES

AND LIMA. END FYI.

3. IT MAY BE USEFUL TO CALL ATTENTION TO RECENT RECOMMENDATION OF IATA (INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION) SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT ALL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PROVIDE MINIMUM SECURITY CALLED FOR IN EIGHT

POINTS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL (B). IT MAY ALSO BE USEFUL TO POINT OUT THAT COUNTRIES IN ALL AREAS OF THE WORLD ARE ADOPTING THESE MEASURES AS IT BECOMES INCREASINGLY EVIDENT THAT NO COUNTRY CAN ESCAPE THE ESSENTIAL VULNERABILITY OF AIR TRANSPORT TO TERRORISTS ATTACKS OFTEN BY GROUPS INTERESTED IN OBJECTIVES OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE ATTACK IS MADE.

4. AS APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO SUGGEST VISIT OF FAA SECURITY OFFICIAL TO ASUNCION OR PARTICIPATION OF PARAGUAYAN OFFICIALS IN BRIEFING OR TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE U.S. (REFERENCE STATE A-1288, FEB. 12, 1973). IN DISCUSSING VISITS IN EITHER DIRECTION, EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE ESSENTIALLY RECIPROCAL NATURE OF THESE PROGRAMS AND U.S. DESIRE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON TECHNIQUES TO COMBAT HIJACKING AND ATTACKS ON CIVIL AIRPORTS AND AIRCRAFT.

5. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH INDUSTRY, IT WAS ALLEGED THAT PARAGUAYAN LAW PREVENTS CARRIER FROM CONDUCTING ITS OWN PASSENGER SCREENING OPERATION AND THAT GOP POLICE ARE SUPPOSED TO, BUT IN FACT, DO NOT PERFORM THIS FUNCTION. EMBASSY COMMENTS REQUESTED.

6. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON SECURITY AT ASUNCION AIRPORT INCLUDING BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO CRITERIA MENTIONED IN REFTEL (B) WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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